

Let's Go Outside and Have a Family Scavenger Hunt

(adapted from the Parker River NWR Earth Day Scavenger Hunt)

Connect with nature by finding or doing the things on this scavenger hunt. You can do this at a nearby national wildlife refuge (for a map of refuges, click on <http://www.fws.gov/refuges/>). Or you can simply step into your backyard – you will see many of the items on this list in an open area.

Remember, especially if you are at a wildlife refuge or a park, **DO NOT PICK/COLLECT/TAKE** any of the items on this list, just check off what you've seen or found. Once they have checked off as many items as you can, offer your kids a small prize as a reward. Enjoy!

Find a place where you can stand and have a bird's eye view

Spot an animal's home.

Find evidence that shows that wildlife was around.

Find a beautiful view and stare at it for 15 seconds.

Pick up a piece of trash, even if you didn't leave it there.

Find an animal track.

Find a plant that's just starting to bloom

Find a flower

Write down something you found that's not on this list

Find a seashell

Spot a bird flying

Find an insect

Find a hole, how do you think it got there?

Touch a tree

Find a berry

Close your eyes and listen for 10 seconds, how many different sounds do you hear?

Take a deep breath.

Describe something you smell and what you think it is

Find a body of water, name it, and fill in the blank (ocean, river, etc.) _____

Spot a place where you would think an animal would:

Eat/drink

Sleep

Hide

Hunt

Write down one thing you read on a sign.

List one thing you can do to help wildlife.
